

Abstract

Oral rinse and dentifrice compositions, comprising a phenolic selected from the group consisting of menthol, eucalyptol, methyl salicylate, thymol, triclosan, and mixtures thereof; and a cyclodextrin 5 selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl β -cyclodextrin, hydroxyethyl β -cyclodextrin, hydroxypropyl γ -cyclodextrin, hydroxyethyl γ -cyclodextrin, α -cyclodextrin, methyl β -cyclodextrin, and mixtures thereof. These compositions are useful in retarding the development of plaque, 10 treating gingivitis, and in treating the presence of micro-organisms in the oral cavity.